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REMARKS

Status of Claims

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-6, 8-10, 15-16 and 19-21 will be pending. Of these claims, claims 1, 15, 19, 20 and 21 are independent, resulting in the addition of two independent claims in excess of three. Enclosed is a Fee Transmittal form authorizing charge of the associated fees to the deposit account identified below.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-6 and 8-10 have been allowed. Claim 9, however, has been amended to change two instances of the phrase "Mbaud baud rate" to Mbaud rate."

The Examiner has also indicated that claims 15-16 and 19-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 15, 19 and 20 have been rewritten in this manner. Claim 16 continues to depend from claim 15.

Claim Objections

Claim 19 has been objected to since two instances of the phrase "Mbaud baud rate" should read "Mbaud rate." Appropriate correction of claim 19 has been made. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 11-14 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,978,420 to Koslov in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,621,762 to Miller and U.S. Patent No. 6,317,468 to Meyer. To expedite prosecution of the present application, claims 11-14 and 18 have been canceled. However, as indicated above, the features of claims 11-14 have been incorporated into amended claim 15, the features of claims 11-13 and 18 have been incorporated into amended claim 19 and the features of claim

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11 have been incorporated into claim 20. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

New Claim

Claim 21 has been added and recites subject matter considered to be novel and unobvious over the prior art.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988, our Order No. E0876.

Respectfully submitted,

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